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In re Application of  
Xuzhi Qin  
Application No. 10/038,350  
Filed: November 20, 2001  
Attorney Docket No. 589.117US1

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed, January 3, 2005 which is being treated as a renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed January 15, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on April 16, 2004.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$1020 extension of time submitted with the renewed petition on January 3, 2005 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account. Since the petition to revive fee was previously paid on September 30, 2004, the \$1500 submitted with the petition on January 3, 2005 will also be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

The above-identified application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity with a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) filed on January 3, 2005.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

This matters is being referred to Technology Center AU 1712 for further processing.

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